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## Lebanon

Military/Security Situation — Several soldiers and civilians were killed in artillery exchanges between the Army and opposition forces around Beirut on 1 February, according to reports by Beirut radio. Meanwhile, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon said the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) has placed its forces on maximum alert. Voice of Lebanon radio reported that Syrian and Libyan armored vehicles have moved westward toward the Ash-Shuf from the Al-Biqa' valley.

An IDF spokesman, in an announcement carried by ITIM, said Israeli security forces have captured 15 "terrorists," including a village shaykh, responsible for several attacks on the IDF.

Junblatt View — The security plan is a "waste of time" and a "decisive battle" is inescapable since a solution with the Phalangists is impossible, PSP leader Walid Junblatt declared in a speech broadcast by his party's clandestine radio station, the Voice of the Mountain. Sharply criticizing the use of the Lebanese Army to further the "covetous designs" of the Al-Jumayyil family and the Phalange Party, Junblatt said Lebanon needs a "serious political solution" that would dissolve sectarian barriers, redistribute wealth more equitably, and align the country with Syria.

## Saudi Arabia

King Fahd will begin a visit to France on 4 February in accordance with an invitation from President Francois Mitterrand, the Royal Court announced in a statement carried by SPA.

In another development, Crown Prince 'Abdallah sharply criticized U.S. policy in Lebanon while addressing a U.S. delegation, Riyadh radio reported. Asserting that he does not comprehend the role of the Marines in Lebanon, 'Abdallah said it is a "sheer shame" that U.S. forces are there to protect "certain individuals" and to implement a policy based on "wrong advice." He also condemned "undeclared designs" behind the U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation agreement that "are directed against the interests of the Arab nation."

## PLO Affairs

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat arrived in Mali on 1 February and was received by the president, General Moussa Traore, according to Bamako radio. On the other hand, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio said 'Arafat was in Sudan after holding talks with King Hassan II in Rabat the previous night. According to the radio, 'Arafat and Hassan discussed the "positive results" of the ICO delegation's visit to Egypt.

PLO spokesman Ahmad 'Abd ar-Rahman welcomed Egypt's return to the ICO and said Egyptian support will strengthen the PLO and allow it to "enter the world from its widest door," WAKH reported. He added that it is "too early" for the PLO to consider shifting its headquarters from Tunis to Cairo. Meanwhile, Israel has banned Palestinians in the occupied territories from going to Jordan to meet with 'Arafat when he arrives there, according to Jerusalem television.

## Jordan

King Husayn arrived in London on 1 February en route to the United States for medical tests, Amman radio reported.

## Israel

The coalition was defeated in the Knesset by a vote of 48 to 46 on a motion dealing with the establishment of a Jewish community in Hebron, Jerusalem radio reported. In a separate development, a public call-up exercise is to be held soon to test the efficiency of the full IDF call-up method, the radio announced.

## Iran-Iraq War

An Iraqi military spokesman, in a statement broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio, warned residents of seven Iranian cities near the border that "chosen targets" within the cities will be struck "after 6 February." The spokesman urged Iranians to move from the cities in order to avoid "our missiles and bombs."

Iranian "military sources" cited by IRNA denied that Iraq had destroyed five "naval targets" in the Khowr-e Musa area on 31 January. The Iranian military communique for 1 February, broadcast by Tehran radio, did not mention a second attack on Iranian naval forces in the same area on 1 February or claims that Iraq had destroyed three Iranian targets.

## Iran

Any action undertaken by the Iraqi regime around Khark Island will meet with a "severe response" from Iran in the Strait of Hormuz, Revolution Guards Corps Commander Mohsen Reza'i reaffirmed in an interview cited by IRNA. Forces dispatched to the southern Iranian islands are armed and kept on "full alert" to safeguard the area, the commander added. He also expressed satisfaction with the combat readiness of forces stationed in Hormozgan Province, IRNA reported.

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